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In re Application of	)	
Krautkramer, et al.	)	Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
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Serial No.: 10/037,472	)	Art Unit: 3761
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Filed: December 21, 2001	)	Account No.: 04-1403
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Title: Composite Absorbent Members	)	Confirm. No.: 5188

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on p. 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on pg. 8 of this paper.

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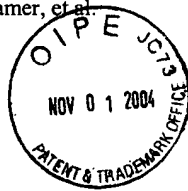
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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 37 minus 41 = 0		X \$18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims 3 minus 3 = 0		x \$88 =	\$ 0.00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)			\$ 0.00
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>09/30/04</u> , <b>PETITION</b> is hereby made for an extension to <u>cover</u> the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$430; 3 months \$980; 4 months \$1530)			\$ 110.00
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